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1. [] reports which give an account of activities of Soviet naval vessels in the port of Odessa [] general observations of the port [] sketch of the oil harbor of Odessa, an airfield, and military exercises employing paratroopers []

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U.S.S.R.Naval/AirRUSSIAN WARSHIPS AT ODESSAODESSA

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A cruiser [] entered harbour [] and anchored off the breakwater. 25X1

Sea Area Brief

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1. (a) []
(b) At anchor off ODESSA;
(c) At anchor off ODESSA.
2. (a) Good visibility;
(b) Perfect freedom.
3. (a) Two funnels;
(b) []
(c) N.K.;
(d) 1 tripod mast forward of foremast funnel; 1 mast forward of after funnel;
(e) Break in fo'c'sle abaft bridge;
(f) 2 turrets forward, 2 turrets aft, calibre unknown;
(g) N.K.;
(h) Ball end and others;
(i) Russian naval ensign, []

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[] vessel had a very high round tower in front of the foremast. 25X1
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4. A tug was seen towing a target to seaward daily. Gunfire was heard but not seen.

5. Off LANJERON POINT and position 46°32'N 30°45'E, mobile searchlight units were seen sweeping ODESSA BAY every night []

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6. Two minesweepers, [] were seen sweeping daily from position 46°32'N 30°45'E in a South Easterly direction. 25X1

7. [] three minesweepers, [] were seen sweeping seawards from 46°28'N 30°45'E. Vessels appeared to have sweeps astern estimated at almost one mile in length, with floats at frequent intervals. This great length was noted particularly. 25X1

8. [] vessel was circled nightly by a guard boat, who had an exposed searchlight trained on the ship. Guard boat then anchored about two cables from [] vessel. 25X1
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9. During a night exercise carried out by a pulling boat from the cruiser on 20th May, the guard boat shone a searchlight on it and then proceeded to intercept the boat which returned to the cruiser.

10. At 1400 on 3rd June, two aircraft were seen dropping parachutists into the water off LANJERON POINT. About 13 men were dropped in three runs, one man only being dropped by the leading aircraft and then two batches of six by second aircraft. Parachutists were picked up by small naval craft and what appeared to be ordinary pleasure craft.

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10. (contd.) Some parachutes were plain white and some appeared to be multi-coloured.

11. A new Russian tanker was seen in the New Harbour. [redacted] she had been recently completed and had been built in a period of three months at somewhere near KHERSON. Vessel was estimated at 18,000 - 20,000 tons.

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12. Whilst walking ashore, [redacted] an airfield in approximate position $46^{\circ}28'N$ $30^{\circ}44'E$. Two searchlights and two anti-aircraft guns with long barrels all covered with canvas were seen. Jet aircraft were heard and seen coming from this direction whilst [redacted] was anchored off ODESSA (See sketch).

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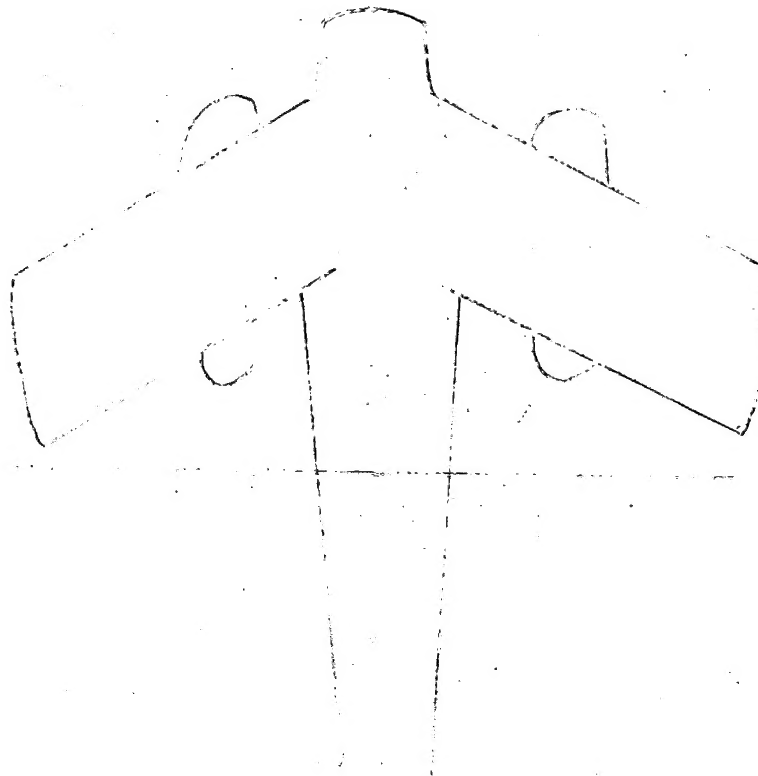
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U.S.S.R.Naval.Port of ODSSA.

1. The following observations were made in the port of ODSSA [redacted]

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- a) Details of oil harbour as per attached plan. Oiling of an 10,000 ton tanker took about two full days, but can be done in ten hours if necessary (i.e. 1,000 tons per hour). Two grades of oil are available. A light oil for "small fast ships" and heavy oil for cargo ships.
- b) Even the smallest tug seen in the harbour was equipped with radar. [redacted]
- c) Destroyers over 1,000 tons [redacted]
[redacted]
- d) Destroyers/corvettes of about 500 to 1,000 tons [redacted]
[redacted]
- e) One tanker of about 10,000 tons was seen to be under construction in the Machine Shop.

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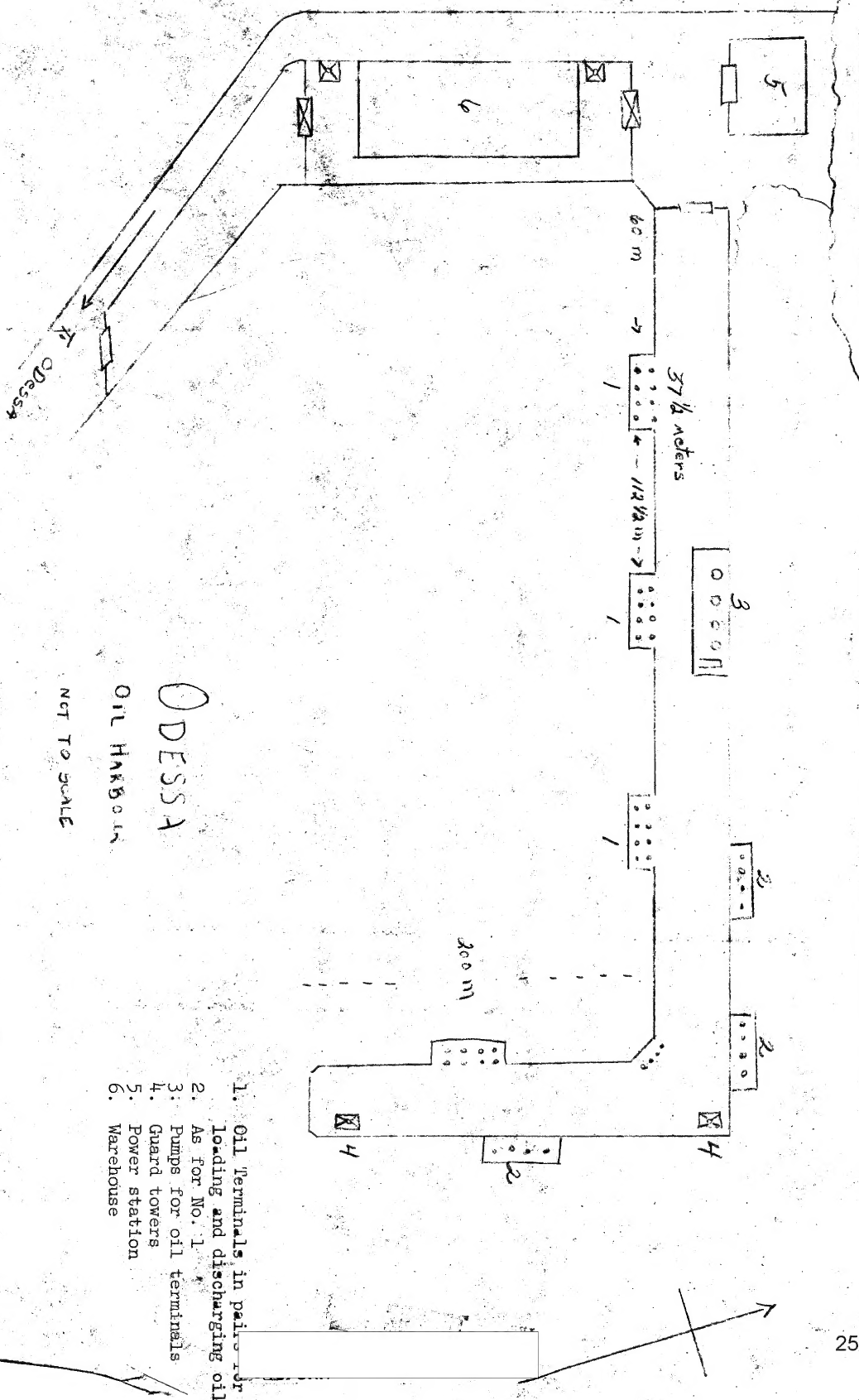
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